

Get Involved – Stay Involved

Wastewater treatment protects public health and the environment

As our population grows, we need a new wastewater treatment plant called Brightwater to protect our health, environment, and economic growth. After four years of careful analysis and public review, King County Executive Ron Sims selected a 114-acre site next to Route 9 near Woodinville for the new Brightwater Treatment Plant. Brightwater will be built and operating by 2010. The system consists of a new treatment plant, conveyance pipes, and a marine outfall to Puget Sound.

Incorporating community ideas into mitigation and design

The public will have opportunities to shape how facilities are designed to be a good neighbor. For example, at the beginning of the design process, a number of workshops were held for all system alternatives. Community members developed design guidelines, including using innovative landscape and site design to minimize the plant's appearance, integrating art into the site, and controlling light to preserve dark skies at night. Project architects will use the design guidelines from these workshops to develop designs for the plant. The public will be able to review these designs and influence future decisions about building materials, colors, and landscaping.

The public may also have an opportunity to influence the design of other facilities, such as the community educational center under consideration as part of the mitigation for the system. Members of the public have already made many other suggestions for mitigation, including habitat restoration and recreation links. People will have an opportunity to review and comment on mitigation.

We want to hear from you before and during construction

King County works closely with communities before and during construction to address potential impacts. We work with local jurisdictions to develop traffic plans, work hours, and noise levels to minimize impacts and complete the work as quickly as possible.

During construction, we work with local residents to solve any problems that arise. Routine practices include advance notice of construction activities and frequent updates. Twenty-four hour construction hotlines ensure prompt responses to questions, complaints, and concerns.

Remain involved once Brightwater is up and running

Public involvement in the new wastewater treatment facility will not end with the construction of the plant. As the operator of the new facilities, King County is committed to being a good neighbor. Outreach efforts will include a 24-hour phone line, tours, access to emergency response plans, open houses, and updates sent to a list of businesses and neighbors near the plant.

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